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For: GAME DEVICE, GAME DEVICE CONTROL METHOD, INFORMATION  
STORAGE MEDIUM, GAME DISTRIBUTION DEVICE, AND GAME  
DISTRIBUTION METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached. Please charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Taiwanese Patent Publication No. 302735 discloses that according to the game machine of the citation, basic game data is obtained by converting content data and so forth such as TOC data of CDs. Since it is extremely unlikely that content data happen to be the same among different recording medias, exchanging the recording medias can provide different base data every time the medias are exchanged. As a result, the content of games is not standardized. On the other hand, the present invention relates to a game device of a music-oriented type, which allows the use of a commercially available music information storage medium (such as a commercially available CD and so on) or a network distribution as a means for obtaining original data for game music.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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